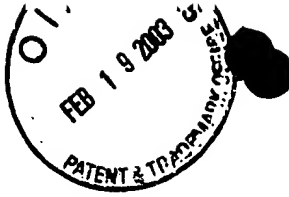




AMENDED CLAIM 15 (MARKED-UP VERSION)

15. (Amended) [The system of claim 14 wherein said portion of said pet bed is a pillow and] A system for shipping a pet bed, said system comprising: a pet bed, said pet bed comprising a pillow, a carton for shipping said pet bed, said carton having a first end, said carton divided into a first compartment having a first compartment cross-section, and a second compartment having a second compartment cross-section, said first and second compartments accessible across their entire respective cross-sections at said first end, means for compacting said pillow to fit into said first compartment, said means for compacting said [bed] pillow compris[es]ing a bag dimensioned to receive said pillow, and a vacuum pump [connected] for connecting to said bag long enough to withdraw air therefrom once said pillow is enclosed in the bag, first means for sealing said first compartment across the entire first compartment cross-section when said pillow is enclosed therein, and second means for temporarily closing said second compartment across the entire second compartment cross-section.

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AMENDED CLAIM 15 (CLEAN VERSION)

15. (Amended) A system for shipping a pet bed, said system comprising: a pet bed, said pet bed comprising a pillow, a carton for shipping said pet bed, said carton having a first end, said carton divided into a first compartment having a first compartment cross-section, and a second compartment having a second compartment cross-section, said first and second compartments accessible across their entire respective cross-sections at said first end, means for compacting said pillow to fit into said first compartment, said means for compacting said pillow comprising a bag dimensioned to receive said pillow, and a vacuum pump for connecting to said bag long enough to withdraw air therefrom once said pillow is enclosed in the bag, first means for sealing said first compartment across the entire first compartment cross-section when said pillow is enclosed therein, and second means for temporarily closing said second compartment across the entire second compartment cross-section.

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